

PEASENHALL ASSEMBLY HALL  
Registered Charity Number 34808

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7:00pm

**MINUTES**

Present: Jane Collins (Chair), Lisa Eveleigh (Secretary) Carol Potter (Treasurer) Cheryl Baldry, Amanda MacGregor, Sue Pipe, Zoe Horlock, Frank Potter, Martyn Burnside

5 Members of the Public and District Cllr Julia Ewart

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence

**2. Welcome**

The Chairman of the Management Committee Jane Collins welcomed members of the public

**3. Minutes of the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were approved as an accurate record, and signed.

**4. Chairman's Report**

Please see attached report.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Please see attached report.

**6. Film Club Report – Peasehall Picture Palace**

Please see attached report.

**7. Public Forum**

A member of the public commented that the Hall has had a great year and have stepped up fundraising activities, whilst providing entertainment for the community, and congratulated the Trustees on this, as did Cllr Ewart.

A question was asked about the car park lease and if there has been any move to change the current arrangement since the death of the landowner. Frank Potter said there had not been, though an approach had earlier been made to the Parish Council about building some affordable housing on the field behind the car park – this had stalled.

The Chairman added that if an EV charging point was to be installed, it would be on Assembly Hall land not that of the car park's owners. There is also a sliver of land available which has no registered owner.

If the family of the owner family did want to sell the car park, it would be possible to have the Hall declared a Community Asset with six months to match any other offer. The lease is due to be renewed in 2 years' time.

A member of the public noted that there are more active Trustees on the Assembly Hall committee than on the Parish Council, which he congratulated us on. He suggested that we need to investigate events that attract young people. The Chairman responded that two teenagers had enjoyed the FA Cup final event and hoped they would come to more football-related events.

It was suggested that we need to concentrate on getting forthcoming events notified to those who do not have internet access. The Chairman pointed out that we have a new large noticeboard planned for outside the Hall, and we can also use the spare one next to the Parish Council board on the Causeway. ge Hall – have a big sheet of events. Concentrate on forward information for those who don't have internet. We are also commissioning a double-sided banner for the Peasenhall Picture Palace and the Pop Up Pub.

Additionally, we are seeking permission to mount an A Frame next to the Village sign. This is on private land and a donation to a charity – probably the RNLI will be payable.

It was noted that events involving food and wine attract people – like the Coronation lunch. A Harvest Festival might be considered.

## **8. Election of Committee**

**Officer Standing Down** = Amanda McGregor is standing down as a Trustee after 10 years. The Chair thanked her warmly for her input – not just on social media, where her work has been invaluable, and for her happy, pro-active involvement in all the events at the hall. The Trustees presented Amanda with a gift. Amanda thanked the Trustees for this and said that she will continue to volunteer in future. She also said that she thought her role as Social Media Trustee could be split amongst the Trustees.

**New Members** - Joanna Thickett was welcomed as a new Trustee.

The Chair stressed that people who would like to help out at events do not need to be Trustees but can simply be volunteers. Dawn Edwards said she was happy to be on the volunteer list and gave her email address to the Secretary.

The remaining Trustees all agreed

## **9. Meeting Closed**

The Chairman thanked the members of the public who attended and closed the AGM before the Management Meeting.